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Scott Ferris "Makes Good"

Last week we had a few good, justifiable words to say about our Congressman, Scott Ferris. Among other things, we said: "He will be found well to the front among the leaders in Congress from this on." The ink had scarcely dried on the paper in which it was printed when we read the following "special" from Washington, dated on the very day in which our article appeared, which shows that he is "making good" our prediction. It shows that he is not afraid of progressive ideas, and that he is abundantly capable of leading in them, and "blazing the way" over problems that is baffling our most astute statesmen. Again we repeat, watch him grow into a Congressional giant. The "special" reads:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5. — Besieged with demands for patronage on all sides, the Democrats, who will assume charge of the national government in March, are seeking a way out. Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, today proposed a scheme to his colleagues in Congress which is being given favorable consideration by all, and is an idea decidedly new. Instead of promiscuously dividing the patronage, Mr. Ferris would have it allowed by States and according to each State's strength in the electoral college.

In speaking of his plan, he said: "The question of an equitable distribution of patronage by the incoming administration is an immensely important one. In the first place, I am in favor of filling all places with Democrats, so that the President and the Democratic Congress may be supported and assisted by every arm of the Government, whether elective or not."

"In the second place, I think the salaries of any position political should be added up and each State should be permitted to consume that percent of the total patronage that its voting strength in the electoral college bears to the whole. For instance, Oklahoma has ten electoral votes and there are five hundred and thirty-one in the aggregate; hence Oklahoma should have that percentage of patronage that the ten electors bear to the five hundred and thirty-one electors."

"Third, this, of course, solves the patronage problem but partially. It must be followed by requests from the various Congressional Delegates stating what position their States should have; this to be followed by a decision on the part of the appointing power as to what positions he will fill from each State to take up the total amount of patronage allotted to that State."

"Then it will be necessary for each candidate in a State to run for offices allotted to that State. In this way each State will get its share of the patronage. In this way the friends at home will know what positions are to be had by the citizens of their State. By this system no State will be slighted and no campaigns waged for positions that will never be allotted to that State."

"This solves only the national features of patronage. I think the Delegates from the several States can in an orderly way settle on choices for each of the places assigned. This will not interfere with the regular means of distributing State patronage within a State which, under the rules, belongs to Senators and Congressmen."

Senator Thomas' Resolutions

The State Senate ended the State Board of Education controversy Saturday, by rejecting the claims of both rival factions, and requesting the Governor to make new appointments. The Senate was in executive session, and somewhat "at sea," when a Solomon "appeared up the scene" and Senator Thomas sprung a surprise in the way of the following resolutions, for which, it is said, Mr. Thomas made the fight of his life, and which was overwhelmingly carried. It was a wise and timely thing to do, and Senator Thomas is to be commended and complimented on such a display of statecraft and generalship. The resolutions are as follows:

"Whereas, by the provision of Senate bill No. 131, session laws 1910, the State Board of Education was created, to consist of seven members—six of whom should be appointed by the Governor, the seventh member to be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who should be Chairman of the State Board of Education; and

Whereas, under the provision and by the authority of said law, the Governor appointed and commissioned the following named persons to serve on said Board: William E. Rowsey, of Muskogee; Robert Dunlop, of Newkirk; Angelo C. Scott, of Oklahoma City; Scott Glenn, of Shawnee; W. A. Brandenburg, of Oklahoma City; and O. Frank Hayes, of Chandler; and

Whereas, at a later date, the said Angelo C. Scott and said W. E. Rowsey resigned from said Board, said resignation having been accepted when J. F. Warren, of Oklahoma City, was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to take the place thus made vacant by the resignation of said Angelo C. Scott; and Ira L. Cain, of Muskogee, was appointed and commissioned to take the place of said W. E. Rowsey, resigned; and

Whereas, at a still later date, the commission of the said Robert Dunlop, Scott Glenn, and O. Frank Hayes were revoked by the Governor and the following named persons appointed and commissioned to take the places of the said Dunlop, Glenn and Hayes on said Board: William E. Rowsey, of Muskogee; C. C. Weith, of Ardmore; and David I. Johnson, of Oklahoma City; and

Whereas, the authority and power of the Governor under the provision of said law to revoke commissions issued thereunder has been questioned and the proposition thus raised has been taken to the courts of the State and is now pending therein; and

Whereas, because of said court action and the proceedings had therein, the personnel of said Board of Education is chaotic, uncertain and indefinite; and

Whereas, because of said uncertain and indefinite condition relative to the personnel of said Board, the entire public school system of the State of Oklahoma, together with each and every institution under the care, control and supervision of said Board is suffering for the want of proper consideration; and

Whereas, the Senate has been called in extraordinary session for the purpose of considering the nominations made by the Governor for membership on said Board, and the Governor having submitted to the Senate the following named persons for confirmation as members of said Board of Education, as follows: W. A. Brandenburg, J. F. War-

ren, William E. Rowsey, Ira L. Cain, C. C. Weith and David I. Johnson; and

Whereas, it appearing that there are no legal objections to the confirmation of said nominated J. F. Warren, Ira L. Cain and W. A. Brandenburg; and it further appearing that the legal objections go to the provision of the power of the Governor to revoke commissions issued by him prior to confirmation by the Senate; and it further appearing that the confirmation by the Senate of the three persons nominated and commissioned by the Governor to take the places of said Dunlop, Hayes and Glenn, will not remove and stop action now pending in the courts of this State; and

Whereas, for the benefit of the public school interests and the interests of the higher institutions of learning in this State, and in order to settle this controversy definitely, to stop further proceedings, and casting no reflections upon any person or persons mentioned herein; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Oklahoma, in extraordinary session assembled, that the Senate decline to confirm William E. Rowsey, C. C. Weith, David I. Johnson, Robert Dunlop, Scott Glenn, or O. Frank Hayes as members of the said Board of Education. And be it further

Resolved, that the Governor be requested to nominate and suggest to this Senate other persons for membership upon said Board of Education.

County Farm No Longer

What for the past two years has been known as the "County Farm" was, Thursday, formerly turned back to the original owners, A. R. McLennan, Guy C. Robertson and E. W. Moll. The farm was conditionally purchased from these three gentlemen on September 6th, 1911. The contract provided that should the Commissioners later decide that the county did not care to own the farm the original owners would turn back to the Commissioners all money paid on the purchase price with the exception of \$450.00 per year rental. At the time of the purchase, \$3,000.00 was paid on the purchase price. At the primaries last fall the matter of the farm purchase was submitted to the people and it was voted by a large majority not to make the purchase. Those against the proposition contended that the price asked was far more than the land and improvements were worth. Abiding by the decision of the people, the Commissioners have held a sale; sold off the stock, implements, crops and buildings, and on Thursday formally tendered the farm back to the original owners, in consideration of which the three gentlemen at once refunded to the county \$2,550.00, all but \$450.00, the rental for one year, and the matter is now closed.

The poor of the county will now necessarily be given quarters in down-town hotels, and the criminals in the county jail.

The Commissioners are clearing the docket and settling up the business, preparatory to turning the office over to the new Commissioners the first of the year. They will be in continuous session during the rest of the month, with the possible exception of a brief recess, going through the winding up process to final relinquishment to their successors. — News and Star.

"Seest though a man diligent in his business; he shall stand before kings," is part of a proverb which is very applicable to Congressman Ferris and State Senator Thomas.